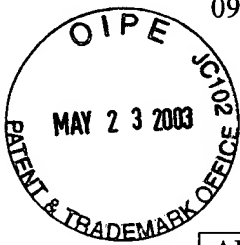


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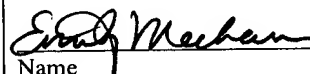


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the March 31, 2003 Final Office Action where the Examiner rejected all of the claims. A Request for Continued Examination and appropriate filing fee is enclosed herewith. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter this Amendment and consider the accompanying responsive remarks.



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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- ☐ Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ☐ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ☐ Other _____
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- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
☐ Other _____

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- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
☐ Other _____

Fees – (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account no. 20-0100.
☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
☐ Other _____
☒ Check in the amount of \$375.00 is enclosed
☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Dated this 20th day of May, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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